

Creating better ways to serve people with special needs.

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Unlocking every individual's potential.

Every individual with special needs is entitled to be a part of a community and have the opportunity to lead a rich, fulfilling life. From children and adults with developmental disabilities to those facing mental health challenges, we believe that everyone has the power to overcome tremendous adversity. They only need a steady, helping hand to open the door and guide them on their way.

For over three decades, Access Services has been this helping hand, empowering countless individuals, families and communities in southeastern Pennsylvania through community-based specialized services. We have made it our mission to provide those in need with companionship, hope and opportunity; helping them grow to live independent, meaningful lives on their own terms.



access.

Helping extraordinary people lead extraordinary lives.



Access Services' care recipients face significant life challenges. It is our desire to give hope to these individuals and to provide access to lives filled with possibilities.

Imagine a child struggling with special needs and the difficulty he or she might face on a day-to-day basis completing basic routines that most of us take for granted. Seemingly simple activities—making friends, doing homework or participating in class—might be exceptionally difficult if the child struggles with reading, language and communication.

Imagine this child with the support of a caring, compassionate host family or a nurturing caregiver, trained specifically to assist with his or her developmental needs, implementing a planned, personalized program of support. New, meaningful relationships and fresh opportunities for learning lead to a world rife with potential.

The child soon begins to implement new approaches in problem solving and starts to socialize and communicate more effectively. Suddenly, the challenges of living with developmental disabilities are not so difficult. Life, for this child, becomes more fulfilling, meaningful and promising.

This is just one example of how our programs give individuals with special needs access to new potential in life. We don't just provide support, we give care recipients the tools they need to live their lives without limitations.



Proven service, dedication and commitment.

Our proven service offering continues to develop as we seek new, innovative ways to accommodate a wide variety of mental health, developmental and physical challenges.

Most of our services fall into one of four categories:

Residential Services focus on individuals with developmental disabilities with living options such as community homes, supported living, and companion and family living programs. Each Residential service focuses on providing personalized attention, helping recipients live in a self-determined manner while enjoying a higher quality of life.

Support Services provide assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities and their loved ones in a support capacity. In other words, we offer extra help as needed so that care recipients and their families can meet their goals and pursue their dreams.

Children's Services provide a safe environment for children with emotional and behavioral challenges. The main objective of Children's Services is to build bridges of stability and structure within nurturing homes.



Clinical Services provide counseling and planning for children and adults going through difficult times, who may be in the midst of crisis or who may have chronic conditions. Clinical staff work to help these individuals stay active in their communities and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

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Children. Adults. Families. Communities.

Access Services support goes beyond individual one-on-one caregiver/care recipient relationships. Our programs are “community-based”—we utilize the services of groups and individuals from across communities with a variety of backgrounds. These may include family members, teachers, support groups, congregations, classmates and coworkers. Working collectively helps us to achieve more and reach new heights together.

In most of our programs, Access Services support professionals travel to the communities or neighborhoods of those receiving support—we understand that our care recipients must learn to live and grow in their home environment. Working within care recipients’ actual communities not only helps to change the lives of those receiving care, our programs have a profound impact on the communities in which we work.



Most importantly, Access Services is a community unto itself. Everyone involved has something to give and gain from our programs—from staff and associates to host families and care recipients. Those who choose to provide service through our programs, do so because they are passionate about service. The relationships that we form with one another are mutually beneficial. Just as care recipients learn to live and grow in this community, caregivers learn and grow through their service to others.

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experience.

Creating change since 1976.

The strength of our philosophy and the power of our programs have been proven over time. Access Services has been pioneering new support approaches for individuals with special needs since 1976. Since then, our caregivers have touched the lives of thousands of individuals. We continue their legacy of service, love and faith.



Access Services now operates across ten counties in Southeastern Pennsylvania, including Berks, Bucks, Carbon/Monroe/Pike, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill. With one of the largest Lifesharing programs in the state, we remain at the forefront of non-traditional treatment for individuals with special needs.

Many of our programs have been acknowledged for outstanding achievement in specific support areas. All of them continue to grow and excel as time goes on. We have built a reputation for excellence, which we maintain with hard work and commitment. Exceptional service and progress serve as our bridge to the future for children and adults who are in need of specialized supports.